

Russian Overflight Status

- Our diplomatic note for DC-8 overflights has not yet been approved
 - All but one Russian Ministry has cleared, including FSB (formerly KGB)
 - The General Staff of the Ministry of Defense (General Zakharin's former place of work) remains outstanding
 - Academician Laverov, Acting President of the Russian Academy, recently met with officials there to assist in facilitating clearance, and is checking the status on a daily basis
- Permission for Geophysica overflights has the same status
 - US-Russia Earth Science Joint Working Group meeting in Moscow, Russia on 29-30 October 2002 established a track for Geophysica permission
- Permission for Falcon overflights will not be possible in the SOLVE-2 timeframe

Contingency Plan

- Cognizance and support has already been obtained from the Russian Ministry of Transportation for flights over Russian controlled Arctic Ocean
 - General Zakharin has all necessary information and is ready to support such flights in the field
 - No flights over Russian islands in the Arctic will be possible without clearance on our diplomatic note